

Statewide Facilities Condition Assessment Status Report

The Council approved a contract with VFA, Inc., of Boston, Massachusetts, on April 11, 2006, to implement a statewide facilities condition study. The cost of the project is \$1.8 million and is to be shared among the institutions. VFA is expected to deliver final project reports in December 2006.

VFA Facility Assessment – Phase I

To maintain quality assurance, VFA hosts a conference call weekly with the staff of the Council and the institutions. Phase I of the project, VFA facility assessments, is complete. Draft assessment reports (VFA only) will be available to institutions for review and comment beginning late August. The first draft is of data related to the individual buildings that were assessed by VFA; the narrative supporting the assessment results will be provided for review later in the process.

It is anticipated that the final report will be used to update the statewide facilities database that is maintained by the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Division of Facilities Management, the Council's comprehensive facilities database, and the individual facilities databases of each institution.

Condition and Fit for Continued Use – Phase II

Phase II of the study is the review of specific facilities for their fit-for-continued-use for the purpose that they are currently used and projections of space needed over the next 15 years. Paulien & Associates is conducting the phase II review. Site visits are underway and have been completed at seven institutions. The remaining institutions will be visited before the end of September. The Council has provided preliminary enrollment projections and staffing data to Paulien for use for estimates of space needed for general education purposes. Also, the Council has provided research expenditure projections for UK and UofL to identify the need for additional research space.

Next Steps

1. The Council will receive project status reports at its September and November meetings.
2. The Council and the institutions will receive draft reports (with narrative) for review and comment in mid-November 2006.
3. VFA is expected to complete the project and will provide a final report in December 2006.

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